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by Mr. A. H. Gottschall, of Harrisburg, Pa., who gathered it together from 1871 to 1892. It forms an exceedingly valuable collection of ethnographic and archæological material, which strengthens the Academy's department where it was weakest. The greater part of the collection is still of necessity preserved in storage; but beside the exhibit mentioned, Miss H. N. Wardle, who superintended the packing and unpacking of the collection, has picked out, labelled and catalogued some 350 pieces of Eskimo and northwest coast material. Miss Wardle has had to rearrange a large part of the ethnographic exhibition to make room for these accessions.

A series of 89 European Stone Age artefacts found among the Pourier Collections of fossils were turned over to Miss Wardle and have been cleansed, catalogued and labelled.

Another valuable addition to the department has been a gift of numerous pieces of basketry, etc., from Mrs. Curwin Stoddart.

WITMER STONE, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL G. DIXON, M.D.
HENRY A. PILSBRY.
HENRY TUCKER.

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS.

Many of the statements heretofore found in the reports of the Sections are now included in the Curators' Report.

BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.—Eight stated meetings have been held during the year.

The following communications were made:

Mr. F. J. Keeley described various species of diatoms, including specimens he had collected in Florida.

Mr. T. C. Palmer, besides other communications, described species of diatoms he had collected in Yellowstone Park.

Mr. Hugo Bilgram exhibited certain varieties of *Myxomycetes,* which appeared to be new.

Mr. C. S. Boyer exhibited a new species of *Chætoceros,* a description of which was published in the PROCEEDINGS.

Dr. T. S. Stewart exhibited various pathological slides.

Other communications were made by Messrs. S. L. Schumo, J. W. Palmer, W. H. Van Sickel, William B. Davis, and several visitors.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Director.....Dr. J. Cheston Morris.
Vice-Director.....T. Chalkley Palmer.
Recorder.....Charles S. Boyer.
Corresponding Secretary.....Silas L. Schumo.
Treasurer.....Dr. Thomas S. Stewart.
Curator.....F. J. Keeley.

CHARLES S. BOYER,
Recorder.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.—The regular monthly meetings have been held during the year and communications of interest have been made. The proceedings have been published in ENTOMOLOGICAL NEWS and are therefore permanently recorded.

At a meeting held December 14th the following persons were elected officers to serve for the coming year:

Director.....Philip Laurent.
Vice-Director.....Henry W. Wenzel.
Treasurer.....Ezra T. Cresson.
Conservator.....Henry Skinner.
Secretary.....J. A. G. Rehn.
Recorder.....Henry Skinner.
Publication Committee.....E. T. Cresson and E. T. Cresson, Jr.

HENRY SKINNER,
Recorder.

BOTANICAL SECTION.—Satisfactory progress has been made in the mounting and distribution of specimens in the herbarium, notwithstanding the absence of the Conservator, through illness, during the first half of the year. Additions, which are enumerated in detail in the report of the Curators, have agregated approximately 50,000 specimens, of which 2,700 were purchased. At the annual meeting of the Section, held on November 25, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Director.....Benjamin H. Smith.
Vice-Director.....Joseph Crawford.
Recorder.....John W. Eckfeldt, M.D.
Treasurer and Conservator.....Stewardson Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

STEWARDSON BROWN,
Conservator.

MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.—The Section held four meetings this year, with about the usual average attendance.

A communication was made by Dr. Florence Bascom on Kaolin, and other communications on various subjects by different members. At an additional meeting of the Section, in conjunction with the Academy, on March 23, Miss Mary M. Vaux made a communication on British Columbia Glaciers.

There were five field excursions, with an average attendance of over fifteen. The parties visited: (1) The crystalline schists and limestones between Alton and Glen Hall, in Chester County; (2) The crystalline rocks and their minerals between Hockessin, Delaware, and Kennett Square, Chester County, Pa.; (3) The eastern graphite deposits of Chester County; (4) The crystalline rocks and their minerals on the East Branch of the Brandywine, below Downingtown, Chester County; (5) The gneiss and limestone near Kennett Square and Avondale, Chester County.

The following officers of the Section have been elected for the year 1915:

Director.....Benjamin Smith Lyman.
Vice-Director.....F. J. Keeley.
Recorder and Secretary.....S. L. Schumo.
Treasurer.....William B. Davis.
Conservator.....George Vaux, Jr.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Section.

BENJAMIN SMITH LYMAN,
Director.

ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.—The Section has continued to take an active interest in the development of Ornithology at the Academy. The Pennsylvania Audubon Society and Delaware Valley Ornithological Club have been encouraged to hold their meetings at the Academy, and many persons interested in bird study have thus been brought into closer relation with it.

At the annual meeting of the Section the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Director.....Spencer Trotter.
Vice-Director.....George Spencer Morris.
Recorder.....Stewardson Brown.
Secretary.....William A. Shryock.
Treasurer and Conservator.....Witmer Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

WITMER STONE,
Conservator.